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CONGRESSMAN DIGGS SENDS FOLLOWING REPORT ON
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BEGIN TEXT:

1. MET WITH PRESIDENT NETO, PRIME MINISTER DO NASCIMENTO, FOREIGN MINISTER DOS SANTOS, SAM NUJOMA, UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE, AMBASSADORS TO ANGOLA FROM BRAZIL, NIGERIA AND GHANA, AND DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER WHILE IN LUANDA.

2. NETO, DO NASCIMENTO, AND DOS SANTOS REVEALED DEEP CONCERN OVER USG VETO GOA ADMISSION TO UN. DOS SANTOS SAID VETO RENEWED POPULAR ANIMOSITY AGAINST US THAT HAD BEGUN TO SUBSIDE AND REMINDED CODEL MORE THAN TWO THIRDS ALL COUNTRIES RECOGNIZE GOA, ANGOLA MEMBER OF SEVERAL UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, OAU, AND ORGANIZATION OF NON-ALIGNED STATES.

3. ALL THREE EXPRESSED POSITIVE INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC, CULTURAL AND FURTHER ECONOMIC
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RELATIONS WITH THE USG ON BASIS OF MUTUAL RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY. I INDICATED MY IMPRESSION THAT I WOULD BE SURPRISED AND EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED IF USG OPPOSED UN ADMISSION OF ANGOLA IN DECEMBER, AND FURTHER THAT THE NEXT ADMINISTRATION WOULD PROBABLY SHARE MY VIEWS.

4. RECENT CABINET REORGANIZATION ELIMINATING ALVES AND

MODIFYING PM'S FUNCTIONS SUGGESTS INCREASED LEVERAGE OF MODERATING INFLUENCES WITHIN GOA, AND ELEVATED STATUS OF PARTY. NETO NOW ASSUMES DEFENSE AND INTERNAL SECURITY. I BELIEVE USG RECOGNITION WILL HAVE SALUTARY EFFECT ON ANGOLAN RELATIONS, ENCOURAGE OTHER HOLDOUTS TO DO LIKEWISE AND IMPROVE USG STANDING IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. DURING THIS CRITICAL PERIOD WHERE INTENTIONS OF USG AND MINORITY RULED STATES MUST BE CLEAR, WE ALSO RECOMMEND NORMALIZING RELATIONS WITH CONGO BRAZZAVILLE, WHICH AS YOU KNOW, LONG HAS BEEN CLOSE TO MPLA.

NEW USG AMBASSADOR SHOULD BE A PROFESSIONAL OF BROAD EXPERIENCE WITH HIGH PRIORITY SUPPORT TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO ANGOLAN RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT.

5. NO RECONCILIATION WITH FLNA, FLEC, UNITA POSSIBLE AS LONG AS ANTI-GOVERNMENT HOSTILITIES CONTINUE. ANGOLA FACES ATTACKS AND INCURSIONS FROM THESE GROUPS ON THREE FRONTS: CABINDA, NORTH AND SOUTH. GULF CABINDA SUPERVISOR TOLD ME FLEC AGITATION PERSISTS, BUT DOES NOT AFFECT GULF OPERATION WHICH AS YOU KNOW ACCOUNTS FOR APPROXIMATELY EIGHTY PERCENT OF GOA REVENUE. SWISS JOURNALIST AND UNHCR REPRESENTATIVES HAVE PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF ATTACKS IN NORTH. CARITAS HAS CONFIRMED SAG INCURSIONS IN SOUTH. DOS SANTOS LINKED INCURSIONS COINCIDENCE WITH RECENT RUMSFELD VISIT TO ZAIRE. DOS SANTOS INDICATED DOCUMENTATION OF ATTACKS COULD BE PROVIDED AND SUSPECTS ZAIRE, USG AND OTHER WESTERN STATES' COMPLICITY. OUT OF DEEP DISTRESS OVER POSSIBLE CONTINUED USG DIRECT OR INDIRECT SUPPORT OF ANTI-GOA FORCES I PROPOSE TO CALL FOR IMMEDIATE IMPARTIAL DOD-ARMED FORCES COMMITTEE STUDY
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MISSION TO UNDERTAKE ON SITE INSPECTION IN ZAIRE AND NAMIBIA TO ASSESS ALLEGATIONS. DOS SANTOS CLAIMS ZAIRE HAS 15 BASES ALONG ANGOLAN FRONTIER. GOA OFFICIALS ALSO STRONGLY CRITICIZE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES PERMITTING USG AGENT HOLDEN ROBERTO TO CONTINUE TO DEFAME GOA ON THEIR SOIL.

6. BOTH NETO AND DOS SANTOS FIRMLY STATED GOA AN INDEPENDENT, NON-ALIGNED COUNTRY. NEITHER USSR NOR CUBANS DETERMINE GOA POLICIES. CONTINUED CUBAN PRESENCE UNILATERAL CHOICE OF GOA TO FULFILL CRITICAL NEEDS AND MADE IN EXERCISE OF THEIR SOVEREIGNTY. GOA OFFICIALS SAID CUBANS PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, I.E., MEDICAL SERVICES, PORT MANAGEMENT, TEACHING, CONSTRUCTION, CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, FILLING

VOID LEFT BY MASSIVE EXODUS PORTUGUESE AND COLONIAL LEGACY OF MORE THAN 85 PERCENT ILLITERACY, AND TRAIN ANGOLAN SOLDIERS SO THAT ANGOLANS CAN ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR SELF-DEFENSE. DOS SANTOS SURPRISED AT USG CONCERN OVER SOVIET FRIENDSHIP TREATY. ISSUE OF SOVIET BASE IN ANGOLA NOT RAISED, BUT I BELIEVE GOA GENUINE INTEREST IN NON-ALIGNMENT AND TRUE INDEPENDENCE WOULD PRECLUDE THIS DEVELOPMENT, AS IT HAS IN MOZAMBIQUE.

7. WHILE NETO WOULD WELCOME POSITIVE OUTCOME OF GENEVA TALKS, HE BELIEVES SMITH'S UNWILLINGNESS TO COMPROMISE AND APPARENT ESCALATION OF ATTACKS ON ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE BY SAG AND RHODESIA INDICATE MAJORITY RULE WILL BE REALIZED ONLY THROUGH ARMED STRUGGLE.

8. SAM NUJOMA REMAINS FIRM ON: REFUSAL TO NEGOTIATE WITH TURNHALLE GROUP; SAG RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS; COMMUTATION OF SENTENCES; VORSTER PUBLIC STATEMENT ON SAG TROOP WITHDRAWAL FROM NAMIBIA; CONFERENCE UNDER UN AUSPICES; CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT CONFERENCE OBJECTIVE IS GRANTING OF RAPID AND GENUINE INDEPENDENCE AND INSISTENCE ON DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS WITH SAG. NUJOMA ALLEGES SAG TRAINING PRO-SAG NAMIBIAN FORCES IN BASE 45 MILES FROM WINDHOEK. NUJOMA CRITICAL FRG POLICY IN NAMIBIA AND CONTINUED PRESENCE FRG CONSULATE IN CONFIDENTIAL

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WINDHOEK. FURTHER REPORTED THAT SAG FIRING POISON GAS ON NAMIBIAN NATIONAL FORCES.

9. STRONGLY URGE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO 32.5 MILLION DOLLAR UNHCR APPEAL FOR ANGOLAN REFUGEE ASSISTANCE. ADDITIONAL 200,000 ANGOIAN REFUGEES ADDED IN PAST MONTH TO EXISTING 700,000 IN COUNTRY. CONTINUING HOSTILITIES, LACK OF TRANSPORT, AND LONG BREAD LINES IN LUANDA CREATE SITUATION OF ACUTE DEPRIVATION MERITING DISASTER ASSISTANCE. DANES ALREADY PLEDGED 850,000 DOLLARS AND DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD ME THEIR CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE SUBSTANTIAL- LY INCREASED. RECENT VORSTER US TV INTERVIEW CITING REFUSAL TO BOYCOTT OR CLOSE BORDERS WITH RHODESIA AND REPORTS THAT ALL SAG FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, OIL TRANSFERS AND OTHER SHIPMENTS TO RHODESIA RESUMED VERY DISTURBING. I WAS SHOCKED BY GAYLARD STATEMENT TO ME IN GENEVA THAT YOU TOLD RHODESIANS DURING YOUR TALKS THAT THEY COULD AT LEAST PURCHASE ARMS AFTER ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERIM GOVERNMENT AND LIFTING OF SANCTIONS.

10. STRONGLY URGE YOUR RAPID, DECISIVE INTERVENTION

TO GAIN SMITH, SAG COMPLIANCE. RECENT
ESCALATION OF ARMED STRUGGLE RAISES
HUMAN AND FINANCIAL COST INTOLERABLY. DIGGS
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